



## Informational Memo:

To: Contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)  
From: Medical Assistance Administration  
Date: December 20, 2004  
Subject: – Replacement of the Electronic Legacy files with the HIPAA Compliant Electronic Data Interchange Transactions

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) and the MCOs have been collaborating for the past year to accomplish a successful transition from the electronic legacy Premium Pay Lists and electronic legacy Remittance Advice (RA) notices to the HIPAA compliant Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance (834 transaction) and the Premium Payment for Insurance Products (820 transaction).

This memo is notification that MAA has established a dual support end date of March 31, 2005 for the electronic Legacy data feed to all recipients. As of April 1, 2005, the electronic legacy data feed containing eligibility information on the Premium Pay List and denied, paid and suspended premium claims information on the electronic legacy Remittance Advice (RA) will be discontinued for MCOs. This dual support end date is contingent upon MAA's consistent delivery of the HIPAA compliant files to the plans per the attached schedule. Depending on the outcome of the file delivery process for January and February 2005, MAA will re-evaluate the March 31, 2005 dual support end date to determine if additional time is needed and notify the plans by March 5, 2005 if the date is extended.

MCOs have access to their 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance and 820 Premium Payment transactions via the WAMedWeb (web portal). Please see the projected 834 and 820 delivery process (Attachment A).

*NOTE: It is important to note that the 820 Transaction does not include details regarding denied premium claims. This information will continue to be available to the via the paper remittance advice.*

The Medical Assistance Administration appreciates your ongoing efforts to become HIPAA compliant. Please direct any questions you may have regarding this memo to Agnes Ericson at [Ericsa@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Ericsa@dshs.wa.gov) or (360) 725-1625.

## 820/834 Delivery Schedules

**820 Transactions:** Production of the electronic Remittance Advices for the Managed Care Organizations occurs each Monday with delivery to the MCOs by 12:00 PM PST on Tuesday. Note that an 820 will only be produced if there are paid claims for a MCO in a given week.

**834 Transactions:** Medical Assistance is aware of the importance of the MCOs receiving their 834 Transactions in a timely manner. In an effort to support the MCOs need to determine enrollment and corresponding payment (which is listed on the 820 transaction) for each upcoming month, MAA is providing the following 834 Transaction delivery schedule:

<b>2004-2005 Benefit Enrollment &amp; Maintenance (834 Transaction) Delivery Schedule</b>				
Medicaid Enrollment Cut Off Date	Day of the Week	Projected 834 Posting Date	Day of the Week	Projected Posting Time
November 22, 2004	Monday	November 23, 2004	Tuesday	12:00 PM PST
December 21, 2004	Tuesday	December 22, 2004	Wednesday	12:00 PM PST
January 20, 2005	Monday	January 21, 2005	Tuesday	12:00 PM PST
February 17, 2005	Thursday	February 18, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
March 24, 2005	Thursday	March 25, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
April 21, 2005	Thursday	April 22, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
May 19, 2005	Thursday	May 20, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
June 23, 2005	Thursday	June 24, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
July 21, 2005	Thursday	July 22, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
August 24, 2005	Wednesday	August 25, 2005	Thursday	12:00 PM PST
September 22, 2005	Thursday	September 23, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
October 20, 2005	Thursday	October 21, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
November 17, 2005	Thursday	November 18, 2005	Friday	12:00 PM PST
December 20, 2005	Tuesday	December 21, 2005	Wednesday	12:00 PM PST

Managed Care Organization questions regarding the 820 and 834 Transactions can be directed to the MAA/HIPAA E-Help Desk at (800) 562-6188 ext. 4 or via e-mail to: [hipaae-help@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hipaae-help@dshs.wa.gov).